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VOLUME FLOW

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SIR :

In response to the Office Action of June 30, 2004 on the above-identified application, which action included a Requirement for Restriction therein, the Applicants hereby elect the invention claimed in claims 1 through 12 and 17 through 19, identified as Invention I by the Examiner, for further prosecution on the merits.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **November 29, 2004**

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Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145. (Order No. 003016.097884)

The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to further prosecute the claims identified as defining Invention II, namely, claims 13 through 16.

An early action on the merits of claims 1 through 12 and 17 through 19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John F. Gulbin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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